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= Abstract =

Long-term Effects on the Cervical Spine after Anterior Locking Plate Fixation

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Objective : Anterior cervical locking plates are the devices for achieving anterior cervical spinal fusion. This study was conducted to evaluate the locking plate system regarding its long - term advantages and disadvantages in the view of interbody fusion rate, hardware - related failures, vertebral change close to the fusion segment and postoperative complications.

Method : Eight - six patients, operated from Jan., 1996 to Jun. 1998, were followed - up for more than two years. All of the cases were fused with iliac bone graft and ORION locking plate(Sofamor Danek USA, Inc., Memphis, TN) fixation. The patients were discharged or transferred to rehabilitation department 2 - 7 days after operation. A comprehensive evaluation of the interbody fusion state, instrument failure, vertebral change and postoperative complications were made by direct interview and cervical flexion - extension lateral plain films.

Results : There were 55 male and 31 female with a mean age of 45 years(18 - 75 years). The mean follow - up period was 29 months(24 - 43 months). Various disorders that were operated were 40 cervical discs, 6 cervical stenosis including OPLL, 2 infections, and 38 traumas. Fusion level was single in 59 cases, two levels of each disc space in 15 cases, and two levels after one corpectomy in 12 cases. There was no instrument failure. Pseudoarthrosis was observed in two cases(2%) without radiological instability. The other patients(98%) showed complete cervical fusion with stable instrument. Mild settling of interbody graft with upward migration of screws was found in 12 cases(14%). Anterior bony growth at the upper segment was found in 5 cases(6%). Postoperative foreign body sensation or dysphagia was observed in 12 cases(4%), and disappeared within one month in 7 cases and within six months in 4 cases. One patient complained for more than six months and required reoperation to remove paraesophageal granulation tissue.

Conclusion : The results show that Orion cervical locking plate has some disadvantages of upward migration of screws, anterior bony growth at the upper segment, or possibility of esophageal compression even though it has advantages of high interbody fusion rate or low instrument failure. Author believe that anterior cervical locking plate in the future should be thinner, and should have short end from the screw hole, and movable screw with adequate stability.

KEY WORDS : Cervical spine · Anterior interbody fusion · Anterior cervical locking plate.

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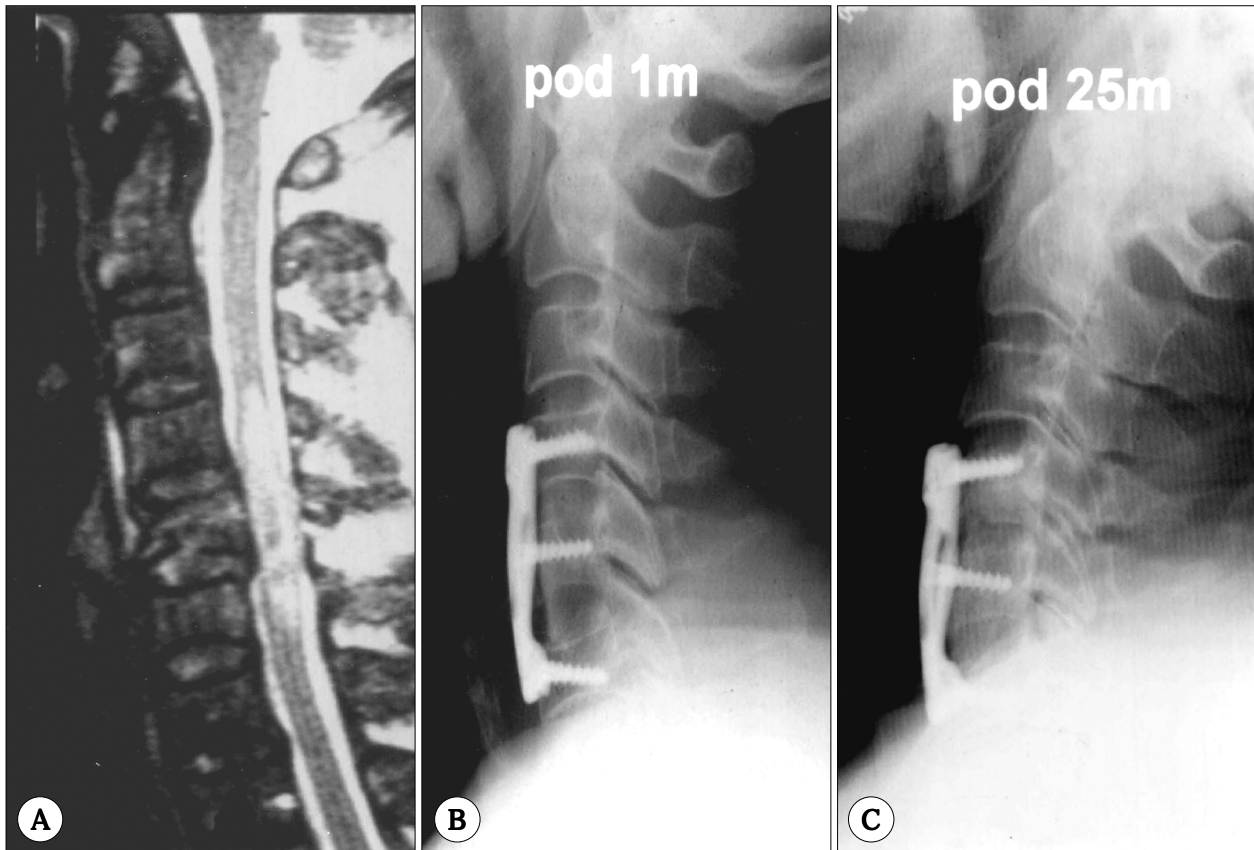


Fig. 1. A 61 year-old man with C5 burst fracture and Frankel Grade C paraparesis after falling down injury. A : Preoperative sagittal MRI image demonstrates C5 burst fracture with spinal cord contusion, which was operated by C5 corpectomy and interbody fusion with iliac bone graft. B : A lateral plain film 1 month after surgery shows good alignment of vertebral column and adequate position of screws. C : A lateral plain film 25 months after surgery shows collapsed graft and low density at upper fusion space with upward migration of upper screws.

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Table 1. Long-term locking plate associated problems(n=86)

Follow-up Results	No. of patients(%)
Pseudoarthrosis	2(2)
Instrument failure	0(0)
Upward migration of screws	12(14)
Anterior bony spur formation at upper space	5(6)
Swallowing discomfort or dysphagia (>1 month)	5(6)

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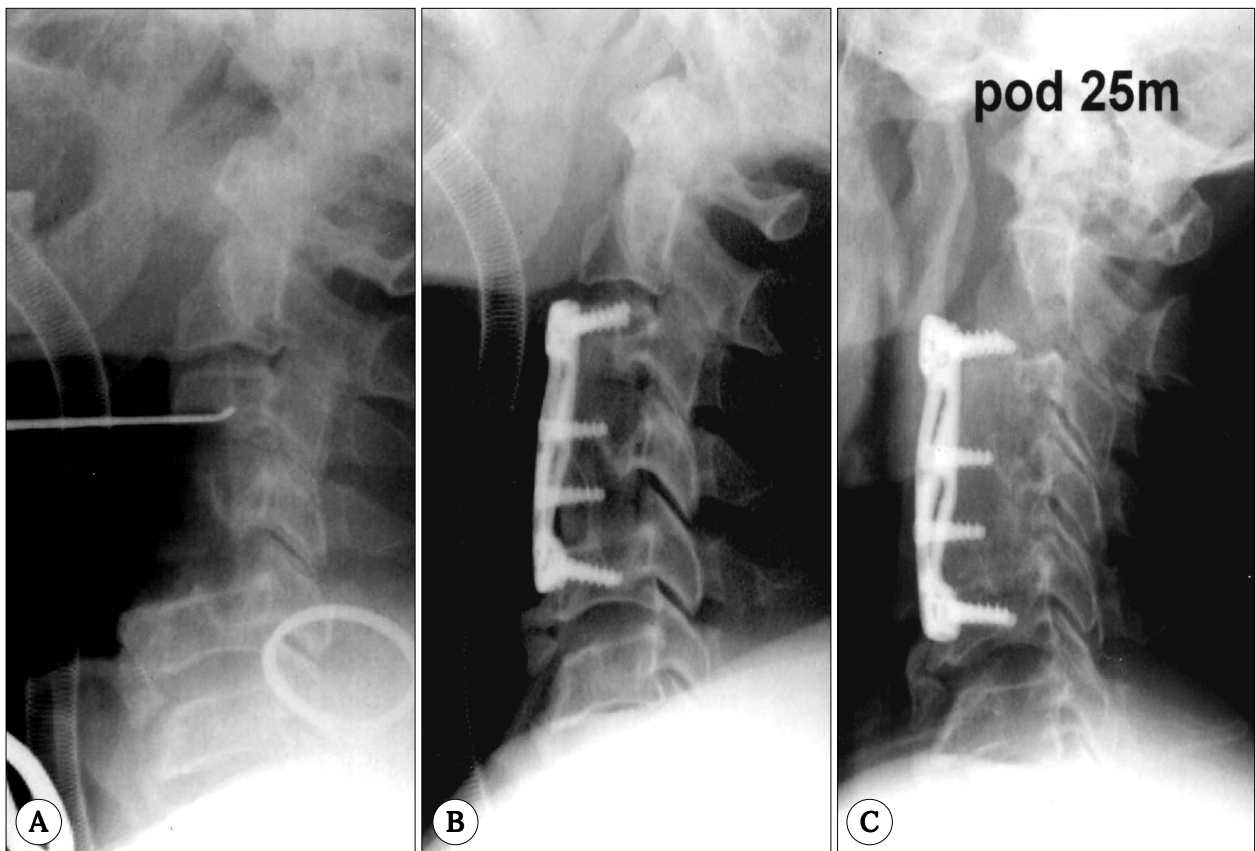


Fig. 2. A 58 year-old man with C3-4 OPLL and quadriparesis. A : A intraoperative plain film demonstrates total corpectomy of C4 and lower subtotal corpectomy C3. B : A intraoperative plain film shows the upper screws inserted into upper body of C3. C : A lateral spine film 27 months after surgery demonstrates upward migration of screws into C2/3 disc space.

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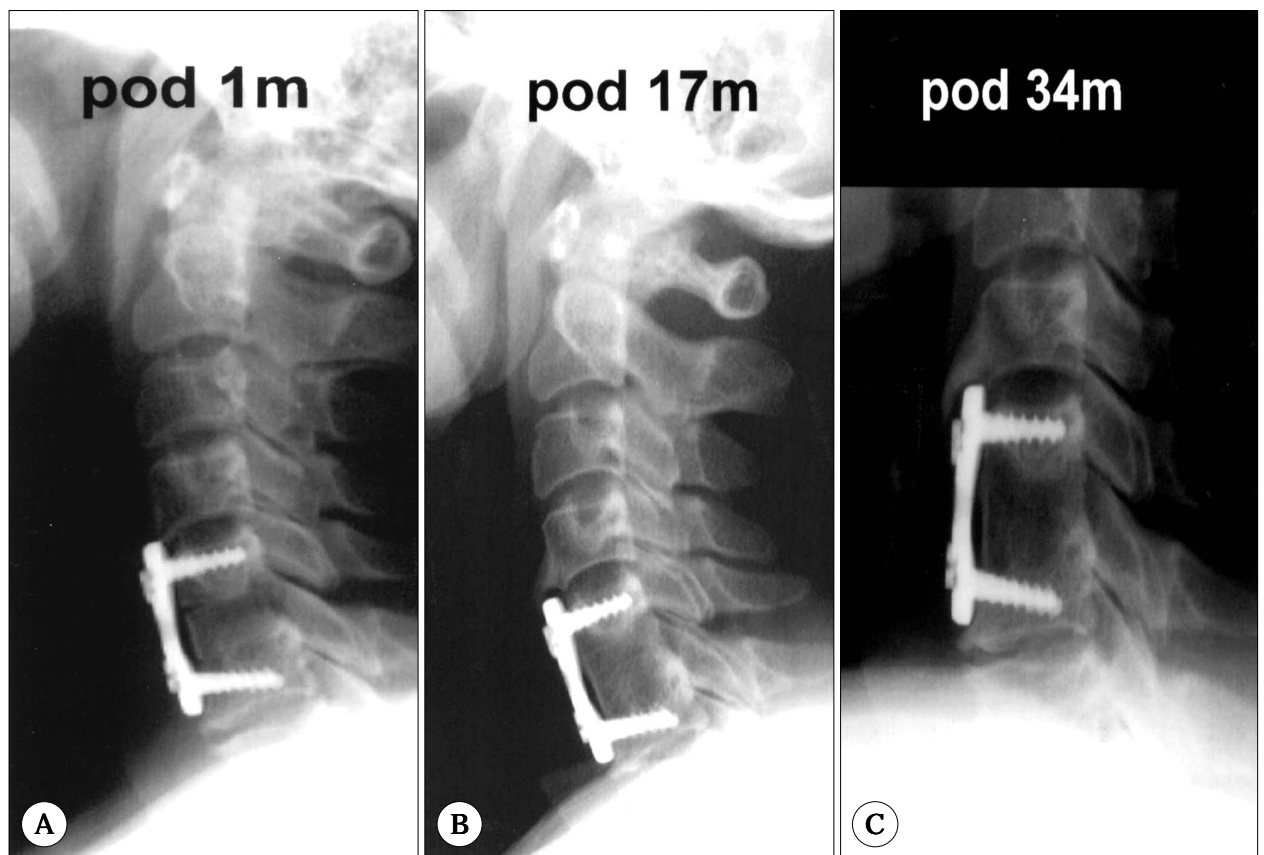


Fig. 3. Lateral cervical spine films obtained in a 49 year-old female with cervical disc herniation at C5/6. A : 1 month after surgery, highly located upper screws in C5 body and direct contact of the cervical plate with C4 lower body. B : 17 months after surgery, anterior bony spur from the lower C4 body. C : 34 months after surgery, large growing bony spur on the upper cervical plate.

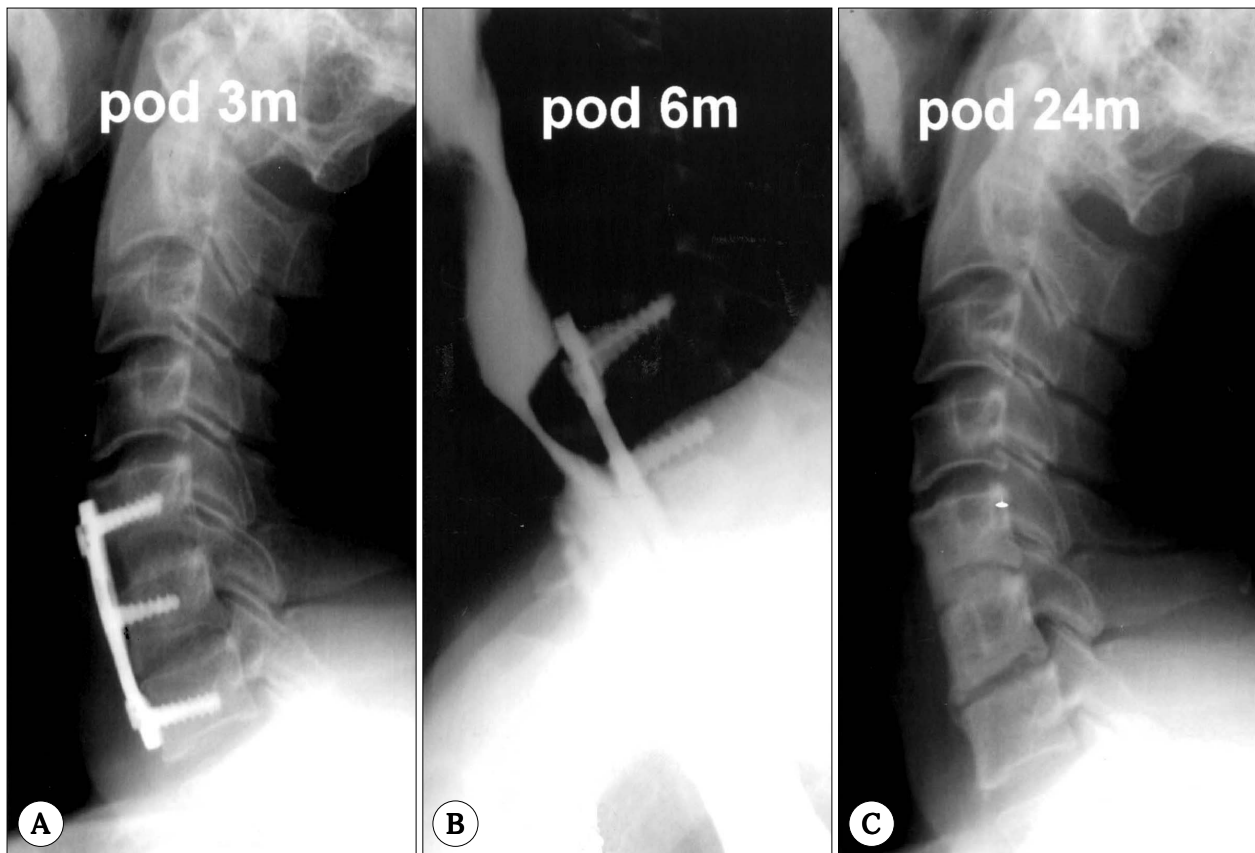


Fig. 4. A 52 year-old man with spondylotic cervical stenosis at C5/6 & 6/7. A : A lateral spine film 3 months after C5/6 and C6/7 interbody fusion demonstrates the evidence of C6/7 pseudoarthrosis. B : Esophagogram obtained 6 months after surgery shows partial obstruction of the esophageal pathway. Reoperation was performed to remove the fibrotic granulation and the plate. C : A lateral film 24 months after surgery shows pseudoarthrosis at C5/6, 6/7.

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